Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any cancelled claims at a later date.

1.-9. (canceled)

10. (new) A method for setting up a connection between a first subscriber device and a second subscriber device using an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system assigned a packet-oriented communication network, comprising:

setting up of a first connection between the first subscriber device and the IVR system;

acceptance of the first connection, the first connection comprising a bearer for the transmission of information between the first subscriber device and the IVR system;

setting up of a second connection between the IVR System and the second subscriber device;

informing the second subscriber device about the setting up of the second connection via ringing the second subscriber device;

notification of the ringing to the IVR system;

notification of the ringing to the first subscriber device by transmitting a first signaling message from the IVR system;

informing the first subscriber device about the ringing at the second subscriber device via a ringback;

acceptance of the second connection by the second subscriber device;

notification of acceptance to the first subscriber device by transmitting a second signaling message; and

termination of the ringback.

11. (new) The method according to claim 10, further comprises transmitting a call number of the second subscriber device to the IVR system from the first subscriber device.

12. (new) The method according to claim 11, further comprises converting the first and second connections to a direct connection between the first and second subscriber devices without the use of the IVR system in response to the acceptance of the second connection.

13. (new) The method according to claim 12, wherein the second signaling message is transmitted by the IVR system.

14. (new) The method according to claim 12, wherein the second signaling message is transmitted by the second subscriber device.

15. (new) The method according to claim 12, wherein the sender of the second signaling message is determined based on a time of conversion of the first and second connections to the direct connection.

16. (new) The method according to claim 12,

wherein the first and second signaling messages are formed in accordance with a SIP protocol,

wherein the first signaling message is formed as re-INVITE with an alert info, and

wherein the second signaling message is formed as re-INVITE without an alert info.

17. (new) The method according to claim 16, wherein the SIP protocol is based on an IETF standard selected from the group consisting of RFC2543, RFC2543bisOx, RFC3261 and RFC3372.

18. (new) The method according to claim 11, wherein the ringing of the second subscriber device is via an information window.

19. (new) The method according to claim 11, wherein the notified ringing is displayed to the first subscriber device with the aid of an information window.